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SUBJECT: HARIMAN SIREGAR TO BE RELEASED?

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1. JAKARTA INDEPENDENT DAILY SINAR HARAPAN DEC. 26
REPORTED STATEMENT BY HEAD OF JAKARTA HIGH COURT TO
PAPER'S REPORTER THAT DECISION ON APPEAL BY FORMER
UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
HARIMAN SIREGAR WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE YEAR-END.
SIREGAR, SENTENCED TO SIX-YEAR TERM FOR HIS ROLE IN
EVENTS LEADING TO JAN. 15. 1974 STUDENT RIOTS, ANNOUNCED
INTENTION TO APPEAL WHEN SENTENCED DEC 21, 1974 (REFTEL).

2. YOUNG JAKARTA ATTORNEY ACTIVE IN SIREGAR DEFENSE
EFFORT TOLD EMBOFF DEC. 23 THAT STORY CIRCULATING IN
STUDENT ACTIVIST CIRCLES THAT APPEAL DECISION WILL
REDUCE SIREGAR SENTENCE FROM SIX TO TWO YEARS, RESULTING
IN RELEASE MID-JANUARY 1976. WORD IN STUDENT CIRCLES IS
THAT COURT REACHED THIS DECISION LATE NOVEMBER BUT
ANNOUNCEMENT DELAYED DUE TO OPPOSITION ELSEWHERE IN GOI
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TO SUCH A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN ORIGINAL SENTENCE.

3. COMMENT: IF TWO-YEAR STORY IS CORRECT AND THIS
DECISION HOLDS, RELEASE OF SIREGAR WILL BOTH BE SEEN AS
TANTAMOUNT TO REVERSAL OF ORIGINAL GUILTY VERDICT AGAINST
SIREGAR AND AS PRECEDENT FOR SUBSEQUENT SENTENCE REDUC-
TIONS AND RELEASES OF OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS CONVICTED IN
JAN. 15 TRIALS, DRS, SJACHRIR OF UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA
ECONOMICS FACULTY AND GADJAMADAH UNIVERITY STUDENT
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